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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed on 6/15/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 23 October 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The art of record considered as a whole, lone or in combination, neither anticipates nor renders obvious a hand-held powered tool comprising in combination a housing, a spindle mounted within housing and having a longitudinal axis, a spring member for applying a biasing force in the direction of the axis to a first component the tool, a stop ring extending around the spindle, for providing a bearing surface, which the spring member bears, wherein the stop ring axially is fixed on one of the spindle and a cylindrical sleeve extends around the spindle; wherein the spindle or sleeve include a plurality of circumferentially spaced radially outwardly extending projections and the stop ring includes on its internal surface a corresponding plurality of recesses extending from a bearing face of the stop ring to an opposite face of the stop ring and with a corresponding plurality of pockets open at the opposite face.

The art of record considered as a whole, lone or in combination, neither anticipates nor renders obvious a hand-held powered tool comprising in combination a housing, a spindle mounted within housing and having a longitudinal axis, a spindle mounted within the housing and defining a longitudinal axis; the spindle including a plurality of circumferentially spaced and radially outwardly extending projections, a movable component axially movably mounted to the spindle, a stop ring connectable around the spindle and including a radially inner face, a bearing face, and a second face axially opposite to the bearing face, a spring located between the bearing face of the stop ring and the movable component, and applying an axial biasing force to the movable component and the stop ring; and wherein the stop defines a plurality of recesses located in the radially inner face of the stop ring wherein the recesses extends axially and open

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at the bearing face and open at the second face, and slidable over the projections of the spindle during assembling of the power tool; and a plurality of pockets located in the radially inner face of the stop ring and open at the second face and engageable with the projections of the spindle such that the stop is fixed on the spindle under the biasing force applied by the spring.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nathaniel C. Chukwurah whose telephone number is (571) 272-4457. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6:00AM-2:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rinaldi Rada can be reached on (571) 272-4467. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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